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To His Excellency, Frederico Laredo Brú
President of the Republic of Cuba,
Habana, Cuba.

My dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the conference you granted me on June first, 1939, I have the honor to present to your Excellency the following proposal of the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany, for the entry into Cuba of the refugees at present on board the SS St. Louis, now on the high seas:

1. That a bond of the Maryland Casualty Company which is qualified to do business in Cuba, shall be immediately posted with your Excellency in favor of the Republic of Cuba in the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), providing as follows:

(a) A guaranty and indemnity to the Cuban government that the persons on board the S S St. Louis entering Cuba shall not violate the labor laws of the Cuban government, on penalty that if any such persons shall be found guilty of such violation, they shall be subject to deportation by the Cuban government, and the cost of deportation shall be a direct charge upon the bond.

(b) The bond shall further provide indemnity and guaranty to the Cuban Government that none of the refugees upon the SS St. Louis upon entering Cuba shall become public charges of the Cuban government, or any department thereof, or municipality, or other political subdivision of Cuba, said bond being a direct obligation therefor.

(c) The bond shall further provide that in the event any of the male refugees from said ship, of the age of 21 years or more, shall not be engaged within three years from date of entry into Cuba, in agricultural enterprises, either as a land tenant, or as a land owner, or as a joint or cooperative owner of land, or shall not be engaged in an occupation approved by the Cuban government, such refugees shall leave Cuba for another country within ninety days after said three year period, and the cost of transportation of such refugees to such other country shall be a direct charge upon the bond.

(d) The bond so posted with your Excellency shall be in lieu of and in substitution for an present or future regulation, law, order, decree or other requirement, of the Cuban Government, or any depart-



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ment or branch thereof, while said bond is outstanding, for a deposit of any other bond for aliens entering Cuba as immigrants, tourists or under any other classification.

(e) The bond shall run for a period of FIVE years, and as refugees who entered Cuba on this ship leave Cuba for the United States or other countries, from time to time, the bond shall be correspondingly reduced at the end of every six months' period during the life of the bond.

2. That the said refugees shall proceed to such parts of Cuba and the Isle of Pines as shall be determined by the Secretary of Hacienda in accordance with advices received from the duly constituted officials of the National Coordinating Committee, or a Cuban corporation designated by the National Coordinating Committee, it being understood and agreed that the National Coordinating Committee or such Cuban corporation as it shall designate, will undertake immediately upon the entry of said refugees in Havana a study of the families and individuals from said ship, to determine in what places in Cuba or the Isle of Pines such families and individuals will best be suited. That the said report of the National Coordinating Committee or the Cuban corporation designated by it shall be completed as rapidly as possible, and in any event, within a period of nine months from the date of entry of the refugees, and shall be submitted to the Secretary of Hacienda.

3. That the National Coordinating Committee or a Cuban corporation designated by it shall be permitted to establish living accommodations and training schools for children to which may be brought experts from the United States to work in conjunction with Cuban teachers approved by the Cuban Government. No part of the expense for the maintenance of such institution shall be borne by the Cuban Government.

4. That the National Coordinating Committee or a Cuban corporation designated by it shall be permitted to provide living quarters and training schools in the field of agriculture or other fields for adult refugees, in such places in Cuba and the Isle of Pines as shall be determined by the Secretary of Hacienda upon recommendation of the National Coordinating Committee. No part of the expense for the maintenance of the same shall be borne by the Cuban Government.



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5. That all male refugees from the S S St. Louis of the age of 21 years or over shall be required to report every three months either to the Secretary of Hacienda or to the Department of Police in the district within which said persons reside.

If the foregoing plan meets with the approval of your Excellency, and your Excellency issues a decree authorizing the entry of the refugees on board the SS St. Louis, I trust that your Excellency will direct that their entry be accomplished with the utmost expedition on account of the conditions on the ship. Annexed is a list of the passengers on board the SS St. Louis, subject to correction. There is also annexed a list of the organizations in the United States which the National Coordinating Committee represents officially.

I beg to inform your Excellency that arrangements which had been made for the reception of the refugees and the placing of them in suitable quarters before the difficulties arose are still available.

With best respects and highest esteem, believe me, Mr. President, to be,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Cecilia ~~Razovsky~~

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Coming from Germany.

(signed) Lawrence Berenson

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